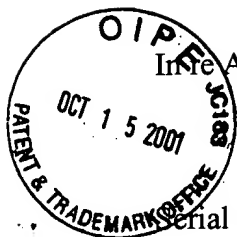


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants identify the documents listed on the modified form PTO-1449 accompanying this submission. Copies of the publications are enclosed.

Remarks

Applicants do not concede that the identified materials constitute prior art within the meaning of the United States patent laws.

Applicants provide a copy of International Publication No. WO 96/04866, which contains an English-language abstract. German Document No. DE 44 28 407 A1 is the priority application to PCT/EP95/03146 published as WO 96/04866.

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Applicants file this paper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3), before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits. If a first Office action has issued, Applicants file this paper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1). Each item of information contained in this paper was cited in the International Search Report in related International Application No. PCT/US01/08221 mailed on September 24, 2001. The Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 11-0855 for any fee due in connection with this filing.

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